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Prior to examination of the application on the merits, please enter the following amendments:

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In the claims:

Please add the following new claims:

- 24. (New) An immobilized metal ion affinity chromatography complex comprising:
- (a) an aspartate metal chelating ligand; and
 - (b) a transition metal ion complexed to said aspartate metal chelating ligand.
25. (New) The immobilized metal ion affinity chromatography complex according to Claim 24, wherein said aspartate ligand is a tetradentate ligand.
26. (New) The immobilized metal ion affinity chromatography complex according to Claim 24, wherein said transition metal is complexed to said ligand in octahedral geometry.
27. (New) The immobilized metal ion affinity chromatography complex according to Claim 24, wherein said transition metal ion is selected from the group consisting of Fe^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Cu^{2+} and Zn^{2+} .